

21. (original) The method of Claim 19, wherein said securing means is a second clasp member carried by said securing strap, said second clasp member adapted to removably and securely engage a portion of the second cord-type current carrying member.

22. (original) The method of Claim 21, wherein said device is adapted to maintain electrical engagement between the first cord-type current carrying member and the second cord-type current carrying member.

23. (original) The method of Claim 18, wherein said securing strap further comprises a throughhole formed therethrough, said throughhole adapted to receive an electrical outlet cover plate screw for removable attachment of said device to an electrical outlet cover plate for maintaining a first cord-type current carrying member and a second cord-type current carrying member in electrical continuity with an electrical outlet.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 remain in the current application, having been rejected in an action made final on November 29, 2004. Independent claims 1, 10, and 18 have been amended herein to more particularly claim and point out the patentable subject matter of applicant's invention. Relevant dependant claims have been amended to be in accord with the amendments to said independent claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant claim amendments distinguish applicant's invention from those of the cited prior art references. Accordingly, it is believed that the

Examiner's previous grounds for rejection are rendered moot with the instant amendments.

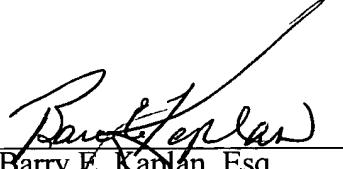
Allowance of the application is hereby respectfully solicited.

This Request for Continuing Examination is submitted with filing fee, petition for three months extension of time, and appropriate petition extension fee.

**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons cited hereinabove, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. The above-made amendments are to form only and thus, no new matter was added. Should there be any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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